regular basis for effective border management and security. SSB is in the process of establishing its BOPs along the India-Bhutan border including at Samrang and Suban-Khata.

Mobile phones for BSF jawans

2789. SHRI BALAVANT *Alias* BAL APTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to provide mobile phones to the BSF jawans posted at the border;

(b) if so, by when the said action is likely to be taken;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to provide rations, allowances and leave to BSF jawans, at par with such facilities available to the army jawans; and

(d) if so,by when such proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As sanctioned by the Government, BSF has provided mobile telephones to Border Out Posts covered by mobile telephone services;

(c) and (d) Parity already exists in case of ration money allowance whenever CPFs, including BSF personnel are posted along side or ahead of the Army and in the matter of leave, for the personnel posted in field formations.

Enhancement in allowances of BSF personnel is considered by the Government from time to time taking into account the conditions in which they work.

Chaotic situation due to water logging in Delhi

2790. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken cognizance of the chaotic situation in Delhi when most of the storm water drains were chocked on 18th July 2006 when only 20 m.m. of rainfall was recorded;

(b) whether a similar situation was created on 27th June, 2006, with even lesser rainfall;

(c) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted into the causes for this unbearable situation year after year, which throws the entire traffic in the city out of gear; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken against those found responsible for the chaos?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Government of NCT of Delhi, Public Works Department (PWD) has informed that cognizance has been taken of the alleged chaotic situation created on roads near ITO in Delhi during the rains on 18th July, 2006. Due to action taken by PWD, Government of NCT of Delhi, no such chaotic situation occurred in the subsequent rains in the area near ITO.

(b) It has been informed that a detailed inquiry has been conducted by Government of NCT of Delhi into the causes of the situation on 18th July, 2006. However, such a situation is not recurring year after year in ITO area.

(c) and (d) The PWD has informed that it was found during the inquiry that water blockage was caused due to chokage of the trunk drain with heavy materials other than silt such as ploythenes, plastic bottles, bags etc. The drain has since been cleaned and no stagnation of water was found during subsequent rains.

Releasing Nepali citizens from jails

2791. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some prominent citizens and parliamentarians have appealed to Government to release the Nepali citizens, languishing in Indian jails;

(b) whether Government are considering their request favourably, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Some organisations, namely,